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*United States Attorney  
Southern District of New York*

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*Federal Courthouse  
300 Quarropas Street  
White Plains, New York 10601*

January 13, 2020

**BY ECF**

The Honorable John G. Koeltl  
United States District Judge  
Southern District of New York  
United States Courthouse  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, New York 10007

**Re:   *United States v. David Espinal & Michael Castillo,*  
      **19 Cr. 428 (JGK)****

Dear Judge Koeltl:

We write to inform the Court and defense counsel that the Government will not seek the death penalty against David Espinal and Michael Castillo in connection with the murder of Hector Arias.

Respectfully submitted,

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